

## WOULDN'T PAY DOUBLE FARE.

### LARGE NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS EJECTED YESTERDAY.

Bouncers Had Their Hands Full on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and the Coney Island and Brooklyn Lines—The Police on Hand, but Only to Keep Order.

The Fourth of July indications for the Coney Island surface roads are for intermittent but violent showers of ejected passengers at all the points where the extra nickel fare is collected. That was the state of affairs that reigned on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and the Coney Island and Brooklyn lines all day yesterday, and there is every promise that the same conditions will hold to-day.

Probably it is a conservative estimate to say that between one and two thousand passengers were ejected from the cars under orders or were thrown off by main force at the Neck road and Avenue U crossings of these main surface car Coney Island lines. Another conservative estimate is that in fully 500 of these cases ejected suits for damages will be begun against the railroad companies.

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It was another day of preliminary skirmishing before the grand legal battle to determine whether, at least in the case of the Coney Island and Brooklyn line, the company is acting within its lawful rights in charging more than a single five-cent fare for a continuous ride to that part of New York city which is known as Coney Island.

Whatever decision on this point the learned judges may reach, the public mind is clearly saturated with the conviction that the companies are not within such rights in so doing. Holding this conviction, hundreds went to Coney Island yesterday undoubtedly with the determination of showing that they had the courage of the conviction as well, and, perhaps, very many of these had likewise an ulterior view to damage suits.

At all events, if people took the Coney Island trip yesterday in search of trouble they got what they were looking for. The trouble varied all the way from free fights to protests, and the protests went from the whole verbal gamut from dignified assertion of the rights of the free born American citizen to language selected at random to express unbridled anger.

At the Neck road, in Gravesend avenue on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit road, the point where the extra fare becomes due going to and from Coney Island, the road is at Kings Highway, a quarter of a mile west of the Neck road. But Neck road was made the firing line on the way to the island. The force of police, the bouncers and the company bouncers were concentrated. The passengers had between Kings Highway and this point to make up their minds as to whether they would pay their fares or not. If the decision was adverse to payment, then the strong arm of the law was to be put into play. With one of three muscular and corpulent bouncers looming ominously around him the passenger was asked once for all at Neck road, "Will you pay?"

If he would not, it was one, two, three and out. There was no parleying and no arguing. The bouncers had their orders and they executed them. This was the state of affairs that reigned at Neck road yesterday without serious consequences until 3:30 in the afternoon. That is the time when the force of police, the bouncers and the company bouncers were concentrated. The passengers had between Kings Highway and this point to make up their minds as to whether they would pay their fares or not. If the decision was adverse to payment, then the strong arm of the law was to be put into play. With one of three muscular and corpulent bouncers looming ominously around him the passenger was asked once for all at Neck road, "Will you pay?"

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and all but thrown bodily to the ground. In this way several were more or less injured. The crowd at times surged close up to the car and the bouncers, who were shouting to them to clear out. There were three mounted police in his command. "Get back, all of you. Get away twenty feet. Don't you stand together there. Three of you standing together is a riot. Now, are you going to get away? My advice to you is to get away. You are here for no good."

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO ON THIS 4TH

### HALF A HUNDRED SOCIETIES HAVING CELEBRATIONS.

But Three-fourths of the Population Will Observe the Day Quietly at a Distance From the Scenes of Their Everyday Grind—Some of the Excursions.

Some half hundred societies and organizations of various kinds are planning to celebrate the 128th anniversary of the big bell ringing at Philadelphia in the old fashioned way, with no lack of noise, in this city.

According to the programme of them all, from Tammany Hall to the Tinklers' Union, there will be a copious and continuous flow of oratory and other things that flood. But the Fourth of July observance that appeals to nine men and women out of every ten who get a day's respite from the grind of office or factory will be as far away as possible from the barking of orators and the bawling of firecrackers.

These number three-fourths of the citizens of New York. But the other fourth, the noisy fourth, will not feel lonesome. Here are some of the things they will do:

Tammany, not a bit scared by Bill Devery's threat to give a rival celebration, will hold its annual Independence Day celebration at the Fourteenth street wigwag at 10:30 o'clock.

The chances are that Tammany's blow-out will be a bit tamer this year than usual, because some of the best lion tamer twisters and eagle screechers have gone to St. Louis. Bourke Cockran won't be there, nor former Senator Charles A. Towne, nor Thomas F. Grady. However, there are others. The Hon. Detlev Wavie is going to talk, for one.

Gov. Lucius F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island and George S. Boutwell of New York will be the long talkers. At Crowninshield will read the Declaration of Independence, while Dr. John T. Nagle carries the cap of liberty. Tammany's row with the Democratic State organization may keep away a large number of the up-State dignitaries who usually attend, but the braves are looking for a big crowd.

At the Montclair celebration President J. G. Schurman of Cornell will deliver the oration. The ocean is similar to the celebration at Montclair. The Hon. Horace Porter is chairman of the Montclair committee of arrangements.

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a harvest the steamboats have been setting their traps, too.

The homeward rush, incoming and outgoing, will begin to-morrow morning. It won't be nearly so great as the rush that has just passed. Many people who went away have gone for the summer and only about half of those who made up the crush of the last week will come back until the hot weather is over.

First of the Firecracker Accident Crop. The first injury from Fourth of July fireworks reported to the police this year occurred yesterday afternoon. While four-year-old Crosby was playing with firecrackers in the hallway at 711 Tenth avenue her dress caught fire. Her hands and face were badly burned before her mother heard her cries and put the fire out. The mother, Katie Crosby, was herself burned on the hands. Mother and child were taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

ARTIST HAGBERG HOME AGAIN. Says He Drank Knockout Drops and Wandered About for Ten Days.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., July 3.—Half starved and with his mind wandering as the result of having taken knockout drops in New York city, Charles Hagberg, a marine artist, Mount Vernon, who disappeared ten days ago, returned to his home to-night and is now in the care of a physician.

On the day Mr. Hagberg disappeared he went to New York to sell some of his paintings. He told his wife to-night that he disposed of the pictures for a large sum of money and then went into a saloon to get a drink. A short time afterward, however, he became unconscious and when he woke up his money was gone and he didn't know where he was.

"I knew I had been drugged," he said last night. "But I didn't seem to be a drunk otherwise. I don't know now where I was or in what place I took the drink. When I left the saloon I wandered around town looking for my money, but I couldn't find it. I have not eaten a square meal. I remember sleeping one night in the Grand Central station smoking room, but after that I don't know where I was."

Mr. Hagberg's cheeks are sunken and his general appearance shows that he suffered greatly from his wanderings in Manhattan.

HOLDS HER FOR ADOPTION. Magistrate Seeks Parents for a Pretty Orphan.

Magistrate Hogan of the Morrisania police court is trying to find somebody who wants a pretty sixteen-year-old daughter. Yesterday morning a forlorn little girl, who had cried all night, was brought before him. Charles E. Kauter, who lives at 218 St. Ann's avenue, told the Magistrate that she was his daughter.

"We don't know where she is," replied Detective Gallagher. "He told me his name was Jones, but he didn't give me his address."

Your Honor, this boy didn't rob that lady," spoke up Fireman Penfield. "Sure he didn't. We'll stake our last money on it. Why, he's our boy, and he runs to fires with us, and he'll be one of us as soon as he's big enough to pass the examination," put in another fire lad.

"I don't know," said the lady's money, chimed in a third fireman. The fourth fireman nodded his head as though he had expressed his views. The first one explained that the fireman of the company had been in court to speak for the boy, but as the examination was delayed he was obliged to go back to quarters.

"You only express an opinion," Magistrate Hogan said. "The boy is a young man, and he couldn't have been where this lady was robbed, for he went on an errand to another engine house for us at the time the robbery took place. This third round by Detective Gallagher, which was an average of 54 miles an hour, was the fastest in the race, and his average speed for this lap is the highest made by any one yet. The second round, which was the fastest in the third lap, gained third place for De Caters. Opel, the third German, did not finish the first lap."

HOUSEKEEPER AND GOODS GONE. Her Employer, 82 Years Old, Says She Was Ungrateful for Kindnesses.

George W. Collard of 14 Governor street, Newark, is a retired iron manufacturer. He is 82 years old. On Saturday he asked his housekeeper to get him a new pair of household furniture which he had located, he said, at 41 Hemlock street, East New York. He was told that he would have to wait until the morning when the people who took the goods and said that he would do so on Tuesday.

Collard, who is wily and unusually vigorous for his age, said that in his absence from home on June 21 the housekeeper, Mrs. Emma Hewitt, left the house, and that at the same time she had taken away all the household goods. He recently traced the van to 41 Hemlock street, but was not admitted to the house.

He said that Mrs. Hewitt had given him a list of the goods and that he had given her a set of keys and a gold watch, besides a lot of money beyond her wages, but she had not returned.

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